

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A system for providing a reminder message to a display, the system comprising:

a handheld device comprising:

an input device for:

entering a reminder message, the reminder message comprising reminder information and a time; and

determining a reminder message time based on ~~the~~ a content category of the reminder information and from the ~~entered time~~; and

~~a transmitter for wirelessly transmitting a signal corresponding to the reminder message;~~

~~a memory device for storing reminder messages;~~

~~a first data processor operatively connected to said memory device for retrieving reminder messages from said memory device substantially at the time determined for display of the reminder information and for processing the reminder message to~~

~~generate a display signal for each retrieved reminder message, the display signal being capable to cause a message corresponding to the respective reminder message to be displayed on a display,~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a second processor suitable for receiving an audio/video signal and for processing the received audio/video signal for presentation on a television display, and for receiving the display signal from said first data processor and for causing the reminder information to be displayed on the television display so that it is superimposed on at least a portion of the audio/video signal presented on the television display at the message time determined for display of the reminder information~~

\_\_\_\_\_ a transmitter for wirelessly transmitting a signal corresponding to the reminder message;

\_\_\_\_\_ a memory device for storing reminder messages;

\_\_\_\_\_ a first data processor operatively connected to said memory device for retrieving reminder messages from said memory device substantially at the reminder message time determined for display of the reminder information and for processing the reminder message to generate a display signal for each retrieved reminder message, the display signal being capable to cause a message corresponding to the respective reminder message to be displayed on a display;

a second processor suitable for receiving an audio/video signal and for processing the received audio/video signal for presentation on a television display, and for receiving the display signal from said first data processor and for causing the reminder information to be displayed on the television display so that it is superimposed on at least a portion of the audio/video signal presented on the television display at the reminder message time determined for display of the reminder information.

2. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein said memory device for storing reminder messages and said first data processor reside in said handheld device.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein said memory device for storing reminder messages resides in a set top box.

4. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein the message corresponding to a retrieved reminder message is transmitted to and displayed on the television display as text in a closed caption message.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein the handheld device comprises a keyboard for entering alpha/numeric data.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for allowing stored reminder messages to be displayed on a display for editing of the reminder messages.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for allowing stored reminder messages to be displayed on a display for editing of the reminder messages.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 7, wherein said handheld device further comprises:

a display, and

means for allowing a user to view the alpha/numeric data as the user enters it with said keyboard.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 8, wherein stored reminder messages are capable of being displayed on said display of said handheld device for editing of the reminder messages.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 6, wherein stored reminder messages are capable of being displayed on the television display for editing of the reminder messages.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein reminder information comprises text and an image.

12. (Currently amended) A method for providing a reminder message to a display comprising:

entering a reminder message on a handheld device, the reminder message comprising reminder information and a time;

determining an appropriate reminder message display time based on the content of the reminder information from the entered time that the reminder information is to be displayed to a user based on the a content category of the reminder information and from the time;

wirelessly transmitting a signal corresponding to the reminder message;

storing reminder messages in a memory device;

receiving the transmitted signal corresponding to the reminder message;

retrieving reminder messages from said memory device at the time determined for display of the reminder information;

processing the reminder message to generate a display signal for each retrieved reminder message, the display signal capable of causing the reminder information to be displayed on a display;

receiving an audio/video signal;

processing the received audio/video signal for presentation on a television display;

receiving the display signal;

displaying the information corresponding to a retrieved reminder message on the television display so that it is superimposed on at least a portion of the audio/video signal presented on the television display at the reminder message time determined for display of the reminder information.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein reminder

messages are stored in a memory device in said handheld device.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein reminder messages are stored in a memory device in a set top box.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the message corresponding to a retrieved reminder information is transmitted to and displayed on the television display as text in a closed caption message.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein stored reminder messages are capable of being displayed on a display for editing of the reminder messages.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein stored reminder messages are capable of being displayed on a display of the handheld device upon entry of the reminder messages.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein stored reminder messages are capable of being displayed for editing of the reminder messages on a display of the handheld device.

19. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein stored reminder messages are capable of being displayed on the television display for editing of the reminder messages.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the reminder information comprises text and an image.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, further comprising:

a countdown timer for generating the display signal at predetermined intervals after the reminder display time.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 21, further comprising:

means for repeating the generation of the display signal periodically at a known rate.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:

generating the display signal at predetermined intervals after



the reminder display time.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

generating the display signal periodically for a known rate.

25. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the content category is selected from a list comprising: prescribed medication time, television program and appointment.

26. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the content category is selected from a list comprising: prescribed medication time, television program and appointment.